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View from a tanker window

Lights are on and freedom has a new home

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
United States Central Air Forces
Forward Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA – By 8:43 p.m., the KC-135R Stratotanker was well on its way to the skies over Iraq from its forward-deployed location. This mission is just one of many “combat” tanker missions that take place every day in the United States Central Command area of responsibility.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Senior Airman Cy Eckhardt, boom operator, looks over his checklist in some available lighting prior to refueling an E-8C aircraft over Iraq Sunday.

Sure, one might say that a KC-135 is not really a “combat” aircraft, but fighters, bombers and any other plane would never be able to complete a single mission without the fuel the tankers provide.

Tonight, our tanker, which is a deployed bird from Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., will rendezvous with an E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft and two A-10 Thunderbolts on patrol in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While on this very mission, President George W. Bush addressed the American people about the situation in Iraq and the Global War on Terrorism. I couldn’t help but compare the position we were in, literally over the front lines of the terrorism war, while the people at home watched our commander in chief on television. If only they could see what I saw, perhaps they’d have a different point of view.

I can tell you one thing, when you’re 32,000 feet high in the skies over Iraq, there is no “quagmire” to find or even hostile fire. There’s just stars shining over a country that is free of Saddam Hussein’s rule for the first time in over 35 years.

As I sat buckled in the cockpit, minimal lights on in the plane, cruising to our designated rendezvous point over skies that night, all I could think about was the 140,000-plus American troops beneath me in the country doing whatever they can to help the Iraqi people. It really sort of made my lofty position above them seem so insignificant. Soon though, I would see my comrades in action.

10:52 p.m.

We descended to cruise at a comfortable level between 22,000 and 28,000 feet, when Senior Airman

Cy Eckhardt, a boom operator from Grand Forks AFB on the flight, topped off the E-8C with 45,000 pounds of jet fuel in less than a half-hour.

The KC-135 can carry up to 200,000 pounds of fuel on a mission. The dilemma for the tanker crew is that they can take off with a gross takeoff weight four times the aircraft’s allowable landing weight.

About 25 minutes earlier, we heard the E-8C was coming in early, but we weren’t sure if the plane would take fuel. Airman Eckhardt told me the E-8C was having a mechanical issue, and it would take them several minutes to decide whether or not they needed fuel. It was hoped they would take the fuel, because if they didn’t it could mean another five hours of flying in the tanker to burn off the fuel.

“We definitely want them to take their gas,” Airman Eckhardt said.

Fortunately, the E-8C took the fuel in two intervals. First, it took 35,000 pounds of fuel in one go-around and another 10,000 pounds in the final offload. The boom operator performs this refueling job under very low light conditions to protect the night vision of the pilot of the receiving aircraft. Airman Eckhardt worked like a cat in the night with quickness and precision. Before I knew it, the E-8C was refueled and on its way.

As the E-8C approached for the second offload, I remember telling Airman Eckhardt, “You’ve got a great job – where else on this planet would you be able to do something like this?”

He replied jokingly, “Singapore.” (Singapore is one

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319th Air Refueling Wing
commander

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of a handful of other countries that have air-refueling capabilities close to the U.S. Air Force.)

Meanwhile, the pilot, Capt. Joel Rivard, also of Grand Forks AFB, and co-pilot, 1st Lt. William Jimenz of McConnell AFB, Kan., kept the plane steady during the refueling. They were the epitome of good “crew resource management,” minimizing the risk of hitting each other.

When you have fuel offloading, a small miscue by either side involved could be a costly one in terms of life and death.

Flying steady and straight is one of if not the most important thing during a refueling. However, I think if you were to ask Airman Eckhardt, he would probably say the pilot and co-pilot were just “driving him to work.” This may be one way of looking at it I guess.

So we waited for them to “drive” him to his next refueling job – a pair of A-10 Thunderbolts.

12:10 a.m.

I was nearly asleep waiting when Airman Eckhardt told me the A-10s would be ready to be refueled in about 10 minutes. So, like a good little

observer, I got ready and headed to the back to watch the action.

As the KC-135 decelerated to accommodate the A-10’s slower speed, Airman Eckhardt connected with the first one at about 12:17 a.m. He started refueling – talking to the pilot of the A-10, who asked him where he was from. I could hear a loud “Grand Forks” over the aircraft noise.

They continued chatting about their mission that night. Airman Eckhardt later told me they were “toolin’ around,” standing by to provide close air support, or CAS, for the ground troops just in case.

A formidable CAS tool for ground troops, the A-10’s seven-barrell Gatling gun is capable of pounding a target with up to 4,200 round of 30mm bullets per minute. In Operation Desert Storm, circa 1991, it received a reputation as a devastating “tank killer.”

Anyway, it wasn’t long before Airman Eckhardt sent the two A-10s off with a mere 4,500 pounds of fuel each. By 12:36 a.m., he finished with the second A-10, and it was time for us to head back to our base.

On the way back, I saw what appeared to be thousands of twinkling



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

The clock behind the crew of Capt. Joel Rivard, Senior Airman Cy Eckhardt and 1st Lt. William Jimenz shows it's close to 3 a.m., and they are ready to head home.

stars on the ground. It was really thousands of lights from Iraqi cities. And when I say lights, I mean a lot of lights. In some areas it was almost like flying over a major American city.

2:18 a.m.

Our plane lands. Now that we were back, I reflected on the success of that mission. But not just the success of the crucial global reach, global power

tanker force over Iraq. I was jolted into the reality that if only the folks watching the President this very night could see the glimmering lights that I saw, perhaps they’d have a different point of view about our progress in Iraq.

The coalition is getting the Iraqi infrastructure back up and running! The lights are on and freedom has found a new home.

Aviation roots run deep

New base commander likes what he sees in Grand Cities - 'It's a big small town, and I like that a lot'

By Mrs. Kris Jensen
Grand Forks Herald
Staff Writer

There's a photograph of a little boy on the wall in the wing commander's office here.

He looks to be about 7-years-old, turning back to his left to grin at the camera from the co-pilot's seat in the cockpit of a plane.

Next to it is another photograph, this time of a smiling young Air Force officer, turning back to his right from the pilot's seat.

That little boy grew up to be the young officer, who grew up to be Col. Mark Ramsay, new commander of the 319th Air Refueling Wing. The road to where he's at wasn't something he'd planned, he said Monday in his office.



Photo by 1st Lt. Rob Lazaro

Col. Mark Ramsay, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander, speaks to members of his new staff during a meeting on base shortly following his assumption of command last week.

Small-town start

Col. Ramsay grins when asked where he's from.

"Level, Maryland – if you sneeze, you'll miss it," he said. "We had a general store – it's still there, it's an antique store – a blacksmith shop, an apartment complex with three units, and a volunteer fire department."

He graduated from The John Carroll School in Bel Air, Md., in 1977 and headed to "probably UND's arch-aerospace-rival," Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Volusia County, Fla.

He'd seen the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps students on campus but didn't want to be one of them – though his "curiosity was piqued" by them.

Instead, with an aeronautical science degree in hand, he took a job as a pilot for three businessmen, flying a v-tailed Beech Bonanza anywhere they wanted to go. It was an exciting job, he said, but demanded long hours, and it didn't pay well.

"I was expected to be the pilot, the mechanic for the airplane and the chauffeur," he said. "After a year and a half of that, I kept getting letters from the Air Force – they were sending them out to all the pilots, saying, 'Gee, wouldn't you like to come fly for us?' Eventually, I thought, there's got to be something to this."

Military roots don't run deep in the Ramsay family, but aviation does.

Col. Ramsay had a great-uncle who flew in the Burma-India theater during World War II, but he knew him as a TWA pilot later in life. It was in his uncle's cockpit that the framed picture was taken. His father was a general aviation pilot, and it was under their wings that he found his own.

One of Col. Ramsay's Embry-Riddle college professors was retired from the Air Force, and with some encouragement from him, Col. Ramsay made the decision that eventually brought him here.

He's been stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; Andrews AFB, Md.; the Pentagon, Fairchild AFB, Wash.; and at the headquarters of the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

A command pilot with more than 4,500 flight hours, Col. Ramsay also has earned two master's degrees.

'Triple A'

By his own admission, Col. Ramsay is driven.

"A double-A, maybe a triple-A personality," he said, laughing. "I'm always trying to figure out a way to make people's lives better. That's why I'm sitting in this chair now, I guess."

It's that energy that Col. Ramsay is channeling now toward improving life for young airmen on the base. In the wake of the unrelated deaths of three airmen, Col. Ramsay and other base leaders are looking for a way to make life better for young airmen, specifically those who live in the base dorms.

He calls it a "reverse engineering effort."

"I think we do a marvelous job when our folks deploy of giving them lots of quality-of-life tools when they're in the field," he said. "They've got all the comforts of home, plus, we go the extra mile because they are deployed to provide nice touches, things that airmen to officers can do."

"As strange as it sounds, what can we learn from over there? What can we do here to give airmen a place to meet, that they can call their own? There needs to be a place to socialize, to provide the things that the airmen want."

The job at hand, he said, is to find out from the troops what they want and then to make it happen.

"As long as we take care of people, give them the tools they need, give them an environment to succeed, give them the resources to get the job done and point them in the right direction, then they're going to get the mission done," he said.

The Grand Forks community has done a tremendous service to the base through all of its outreach programs, including Operation Enduring Friendship, which gives tickets to local sports and entertainment events to military families.

But to a young airman without a car, "13 miles to them is a long way," he said. "There are amazing programs going on here – I just want to add one more dimension to the base."

The other pressing item on Col. Ramsay's agenda is relief for the deployment pace. It's hard on the military members, but it might be even harder on their families. The remedy? More lead time, more stress management.

Strengthen the bonds

It is absolutely critical that this base and the community maintain and strengthen the ties that bind them, he said. It's no secret that the next Base Realignment and Closure round is looming; community ties are one of the criteria the BRAC panel will assess.

There's no deficit here, he said.

"I am absolutely overwhelmed in a positive way with all the things that have come out of the chambers of commerce, the Military Affairs Committee, Operation Enduring Friendship, Potato Bowl – I was grand marshal – it was wonderful. I'm guessing I had well over 100 people during that parade who hollered at me, 'Welcome to North Dakota, we're glad you're here, we love the military.' That pretty much sums up Grand Forks right there."

As he and his wife, Patty, and two of their three daughters – the oldest is finishing high school back in Maryland – made their way through the area's stores and businesses, they were genuinely surprised at what Col. Ramsay described as the warmest, friendliest reception they've gotten anywhere.

Briefs

Article 15

The base’s Judge Advocate office reported nine Article 15s during the month of August.

► An airman 1st class was charged with Article 92 – Derilection of Duty (Underage Drinking). Punishments were reduction to airman, a suspended reduction to airman basic, a suspended forfeiture of \$575, 30 days restriction and 30 days of extra duty.

► A staff sergeant was charged with Article 90 – Disobey Lawful Order. Punishments were forfeiture of \$1,075 for two months and 45 days of extra duty.

► An airman 1st class was charged with Article 92 – Derilection of Duty (Alcohol in Dormitory). Punishments were a suspended reduction to airman, a suspended forfeiture of \$150 for two months and 15 days of extra duty.

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► A senior airman was charged with Article 111 – Driving Under the Influence. Punishments were reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$200 for two months, 30 days of restriction, 15 days of extra duty and Letter of Reprimand.

► An airman 1st class was charged with Article 92 – Derilection of Duty (Ammunition in Dormitory) and Article 134 – Drunk and Disorderly. Punishments were a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$100 for two months, 30 days of restriction and 30 days of extra duty.

► An airman 1st class was charged with Article 92 – Derilection of Duty (Weapons in Dormitory). Punishments were reduction to airman, a suspended forfeiture of \$100 for two months, 30 days of restriction and 30 days of extra duty.

► A senior airman was charged with Article 92 – Derilection of Duty (Misuse of Government Travel Card). Punishments were reduction to airman 1st class, forfeiture of \$356 with a conditional suspended forfeiture of \$306, and 14 days of extra duty.

► A staff sergeant was charged with Article 92 – Derilection of Duty (Misuse of Government Travel Card). Punishments were reduction to senior airman, a suspended forfeiture of \$800 for two months, 30 days restriction, 30 days of extra duty and Letter of Reprimand.

OPSEC tip of the week

Think about it...

A casual conversation with a friend reveals troop movements. This seemingly harmless piece of information could be the first step in an operations security incident that could cause great harm.

Suppose someone else gives out the number of troops being moved; this information was contained in a message that was thrown out and not properly shredded.

Finally, suppose the type of unit that is being moved, such as infantry, armor or artillery is given out in a phone conversation. Someone the person did not know was standing in the office and heard the conversation.

If you take each bit of information by itself it does not mean much, but if you put it together, you start to develop the picture of the unit, perhaps its mission and possibly its destination.

Think about it.

New parking signs

Drivers around base may have noticed new parking signs. Some areas close to critical facilities have now been designated as no parking zones.

The signs are up and will be enforced by security forces.

New commander, family receive grand welcome from community



Photos by 1st Lt. Rob Lazaro

Even before their household goods could be unpacked, Col. Mark Ramsay and family visited the Grand Forks community while serving as the Grand Marshall of the 2003 Potato Bowl. (Top left) Col. Ramsay cheers on the Sioux during half time of the Potato Bowl football game between the University of North Dakota and the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

(Top right) The UND band played for spectators at the Potato Bowl Parade.

(Bottom right) Col. Ramsay, wife Patty, and daughters Melissa and Jennifer wave to spectators also during the parade.

(Bottom left) UND Fighting Sioux players run down the clock in the closing minutes of their 59-0 victory against the Crookston Golden Eagles.





Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

Weekday mass: Cancelled until Sept. 29.

Reconciliation: 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel.

CCD registration: Began Aug. 9 and 10 for children age 3 as of Aug. 31 through high school.

Adult education, sacramental programs: Call Mrs. Jane Hutzol at 747-3073.

Baptism class: As needed. Call Mrs. Hutzol at 747-3073.

PROTESTANT:

Traditional worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

Contemporary worship: 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.

Religious education: 9 a.m. Sunday, Eielson Elementary School.

Young adults: 6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain Swain’s home, 747-4359.

Men of the Chapel bible study: Noon Monday, Prairie Rose Chapel conference room.

JEWISH:

For details, call Mrs. Sheila Farquharson, 594-3960, or Synagogue B’nai Israel, 775-5124.

RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:

For details, call Dr. Levitov at 780-6540.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:

For details, call 747-5673.



Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

Pirates of the Caribbean:

The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13)

Aboard the Black Pearl, infamous pirate Captain Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) attacks the city of Port Royal and kidnaps a governor’s daughter, Elizabeth (Keira Knightley).

Barbossa then sets sail with his hostage toward a secret hideaway, hoping to lift an ancient curse by sacrificing her and returning a once-plundered treasure.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

American Wedding

The third installment of this teen comedy series finds the group of guys reuniting for the quickie wedding of Jim (Jason Biggs) and Michelle (Alyson Hannigan). They have to get married fast, because Jim’s grandmother is ill and wants to see him walk down the aisle.

Sept. 19, 7 p.m.

Freaky Friday (PG)

Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

Uptown Girls (PG-13)

Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults

For details, call 747-3021/6123.

BRAC e-mail story deemed a hoax

By Tech Sgt. David A. Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – An e-mail hoax has been circulating through inboxes. The e-mail contains a spoofed Air Force Print News story about proposed base realignment and closure actions allegedly affecting all services.

Air Force public affairs officials were alerted to the hoax by a military officers' association in California. The e-mail takes a legitimate Air Force Print News story titled "Air Force releases 2004 realignments," published July 23, and adds a fake list of Department of Defense installations for "closure or realignment."

Officials immediately dismissed the e-mail as a hoax, citing that the ongoing BRAC process is nowhere near complete.

They have not made any assessments, decisions or recommendations for closures and realignments to the BRAC Commission, according to Nelson Gibbs. He is the assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics.

As part of the budget justification, defense officials must submit a number of reports and certifications to justify the need for the BRAC 2005 round, Gibbs said.

"This will occur in the February 2004 time frame," Gibbs said. "As such, recommendations (now) would be premature and not in accordance with the requirements of the BRAC law."

The law establishes procedures that must be followed step by step to develop information, studies, plans and reports needed for such recommendations, he said.

"While we have done much, we are still in the early stages of the formal BRAC process," Gibbs said.

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act prescribes a sequential process officials must follow before they can legally make recommendations for potential closures and realignments of military installations.

DOD officials must submit a force-structure plan based upon an assessment of probable threats to national security through the 20-year period beginning with Oct. 1.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Kevin J. Gruenwald

From red to green

An F-15C pilot for Kadena, AB, Japan slides up to the boom of a KC-135 Stratotanker from Grand Forks, N.D., to fuel up during period one of Red Flag 03-04 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Pentagon renovations continue

By K.L. Vantran
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Reflective arrows sit at crawl-level, about a foot up from the floor, hugging the lightly colored walls. Sparkling floors lead to escalators, elevators and well-lit hallways. Renovations, completed nearly a year ago, still give the Pentagon's Wedge 1 a fresh look. Yet, for all its newness, this area will carry the scars of Sept. 11, 2001, forever.

Maj. John Beaulieu, from the Air Force history office, said he often thinks about that morning, especially when he is near the Pentagon's chapel that honors the victims.

"You can't help but think about it," he said. "There are photos of people who worked here and of children from the plane. It's a sober (reminder) of what happened."

Maj. Beaulieu and some co-workers were watching the "horrific" events unfold in New York City on a small television in their office when they felt the building shake and heard the alarms sound.



After the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon, modifications were made to the existing renovation project. The addition of half corridors between rings of the Pentagon will provide more escape routes in case of an emergency. The glass causeways can withstand hurricane-force winds.

"It was like being on the side of a road when a tractor-trailer goes by," he said. "We didn't know what had happened. At first, we thought it was a bomb. We just didn't make a connection (to what had happened in New York)."

The major said it was not until later, when he ventured outside and the acrid smoke filled his lungs, that he realized how tragic the story was.

"There was black soot everywhere, and you could smell the burned wreckage," he said.

Maj. Beaulieu's office sits across the courtyard from the impact area and was in line with the path the plane took. He said that he is "very thankful" the Boeing 757 stopped when it did. He credits the "stronger construction" of the newly renovated Wedge 1 with saving his life.

A \$2.1 billion renovation of the 60-year-old Pentagon began in 1993, and Wedge 1 was nearly completed when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the building that fateful morning.

The Pentagon, dedicated in 1943, is laid out in five concentric pentagonal "rings," the "E" being the outermost and "A" the innermost.

The plane hit the renovated wedge as well as an adjoining section before stopping at "B" ring.

Renovations that included structural improvements such as blast-resistant windows and steel framing saved many lives, according to Mr. Brett Eaton, communications team leader for the Pentagon's renovation program.

The renovated area had a new sprinkler system that Mr. Eaton also credits with saving lives. The fire in Wedge 1 burned out in a matter of hours, while Wedge 2, which had no sprinklers, burned for more than two days.

Work began on Wedge 1 in 1998, and the final touchups were being done, he said.

"We were five days away from completion," he said. "After 9-11, we basically had to start all over again."

What just days before had been a routine renovation became known as the Phoenix Project. Construction crews worked tirelessly to rebuild Wedge 1 by Sept. 11, 2002. In February, the last group of employees returned to work in



Photos by Mr. K.L. Vantran

Mr. Brett Eaton explains how "smart walls" will save time in the ongoing renovation project. The walls house phone and data lines. The entire renovation project is scheduled for completion in 2010. Mr. Eaton is the communications team leader of the Pentagon's renovation program.

this area. In July, part of Wedge 2 was finished, and employees have returned to offices there as well.

"Before 9-11, I think (workers) were proud to be part of the Pentagon Renovation," said Mr. Eaton. "After 9-11, it took on a whole new meaning – to make America's military headquarters safe."

After Sept. 11, Mr. Eaton said, there was a need to modify ongoing construction. Additions include reflective arrows on walls and doors that can help people reach exits.

"There was oily, thick smoke, and

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Photos by Airman 1st Class Franklin J. Perkins

Senior Airman James Carey, from the 319th Maintenance Squadron, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., loosens a KC-135R wheel for removal. The wheel and tire shop on RAF Mildenhall is the regional repair facility for European, in transient, and Southwest Asian theaters.



Warriors of the North

Getting the job done around the world

Senior Airman James Carey, 319th Maintenance Squadron, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., and Airman 1st Class Thomas Davis, 22nd Maintenance Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan., remove a KC-135R wheel from the tire, July 30 2003. The wheel and tire shop on Royal Air Force Mildenhall is the regional repair facility for European, in-transient, and Southwest Asian theaters.



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people couldn't see" in the aftermath of the attack, said Mr. Eaton. "The brightly-colored exit signs (above the doors) might as well have been a mile away."

Boxes containing emergency escape masks are now available in the renovated hallways.

Another addition is the creation of "half corridors." The glass causeways connect Pentagon rings, and can withstand hurricane-force winds.

Renovated areas also contain backup water pipes to help ensure sprinkler systems will operate in the event of an emergency.

Today work continues, although the pace is not quite as fervent as during the Phoenix Project.

Construction workers are rebuilding the second phase of Wedge 2. As this nears completion, work will begin

sequentially on Wedges 3, 4 and 5. Each area will be demolished, taken down to "bare bones," said Mr. Eaton. Work includes removal of hazardous materials, replacement of building systems, addition of elevators and escalators, and installation of new security and telecommunications systems.

In an effort to get life-saving measures in place as soon as possible, the remaining renovation has an aggressive schedule, with a completion projected in 2010.

The installation of "smart walls" about every 20 feet for phone and data lines will save some time, he said.

"We have the same goal – to be on cost, on schedule," said Mr. Eaton. "It's not quite the same urgency (as with Phoenix) but it's an aggressive schedule. We'll do what we need to and overcome challenges as we meet them."



Photo by K.L. Vantran

Contractors work on the ceiling in a conference room in Wedge 2 of the Pentagon. The \$2.1 billion renovation is slated for completion in 2010.

The building shook, we were at war

By Lt. Col. James Foley
379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar – The building shook, and we were at war. One minute became a defining moment, for the course of our country and for a career in military service.

On Sept. 11, 2001, I was on duty at the Pentagon, when the plane hijacked by terrorists struck, killing 189 innocent people. At the time of the attack I was away from my duty section, so I hurried out along with the crowds that were evacuating the building. I will never forget the sight of the Pentagon burning, with a thick plume of black smoke rising from the building's southwest side.

That sight and the events that followed are indelibly burned into my memory, and I will always remember the sense of duty, sacrifice, and total teamwork that instantly arose in response to our enemy's cowardly and surprise attack on a nation at peace. I was immediately filled with feelings of pride, in our country and our military services, and of anger – feelings that remain just as strong today.

The initial word was that a bomb had gone off. But the damage and the smoke looked way too big for it to be a bomb. Very soon, people said that a 757 airliner had hit the building. I still don't know how they knew that, but they were right.

The scene outside was chaotic, and many people, of course, were very upset. I began to direct people to

evacuate away from the building. We had a strong sense that other attacks might follow. And apparently one was on the way, but it was stopped by the bravery and sacrifice of the true Americans who were passengers on United Flight 93.

After about 25 minutes, Defense Protective Service and local police arrived to secure the area, and directed traffic and emergency response vehicles. I saw several victims walk across the parking lot. They were quickly helped and attended to by their fellow service members. Seeing them, made me angry all over again, and I had a sense of urgency to do something. At that point, I stood for about three minutes and watched the Pentagon burn – a period that now seems like hours.

In the midst of this chaos and confusion, it suddenly dawned on me that I was needed at my duty station in the National Military Command Center. As the Pentagon burned, I knew I had to go back inside, to my place of duty. At that moment, I learned the real meaning of “service before self” – it isn't just words

on the wall, folks.

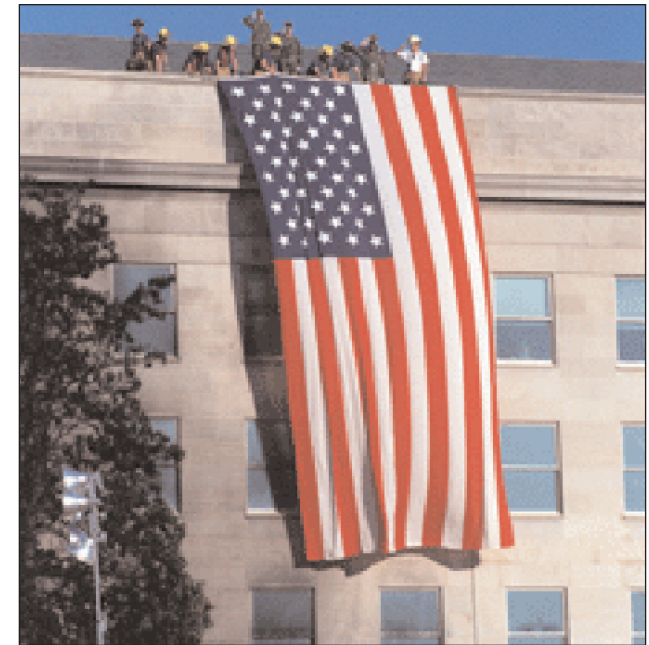
Slightly fearful and filled with trepidation, I ran back in the river entrance and hurried up to the NMCC. As I passed through the hallways, they

were beginning to fill with smoke. I quickly arrived at my office in the NMCC, expecting to find more chaos and a sense of fear.

There was no chaos or fear to be found. The military professionals on duty had immediately turned to

“Slightly fearful and filled with trepidation, I ran back in the river entrance...”

– Lt. Col. James Foley,
379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron,
recalling the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon



Courtesy photo

The Pentagon flag is unfurled following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

the job at hand, identifying the damage, detecting additional threats, ensuring readiness of all U.S. military forces and activating the crisis action team.

I am still impressed with the calmness and mission focus that the Joint Staff and NMCC operations and support teams displayed in the face of this attack, when more attacks were expected.

As the NMCC operations officer, my job was to ensure that the command center remained operational at all times; that life support, power, and communications were available to enable the operations mission. Our immediate problem was that our environmental control systems had broken down due to damage to the building, and the command center was taking on

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smoke through the air ducts. As things continued to deteriorate, the temperature rose and more smoke came in.

We thought we were within one hour of losing the fight to restore our life support systems. If this had occurred, we would have had to close down the national command center and evacuate the operations staff to other locations, creating a possible disruption in national command operations. It did not look good for our team.

At this point, I learned a real lesson in quiet heroism. A team of three people – a DOD civilian, a DOD contract employee, and an Air Force technical sergeant – took it upon themselves to venture into the Pentagon hallways and go upstairs to the air shafts to repair the NMCC’s air handling system.

With complete disregard for their personal safety, without safety equipment or breathing apparatus, they went into smoke-filled stairwells to reach the air handling equipment and reverse the blowers. While this may seem like a small feat, at the time it was incredibly brave. They weren’t asked to do it. They stepped up to do what was needed because they believed it was their duty and the team was counting on them.

As a direct result of the quick and fearless action of these outstanding people, the NMCC remained on-line and the national command didn’t miss a beat. Since then, I have come to understand that in the U.S. armed forces humble heroes like these three surround us every day.

Due to these heroic efforts, an unfailing mission focus, and teamwork, the command center’s life support systems were restored within two hours of the attack. Within four hours, the incoming smoke was vented out, and in only six hours the entire NMCC was stabilized.

In the mean time, the national command structure had responded immediately to the four separate attacks. U.S. forces were placed on alert, the initial military response to defend against further attacks was directed, and a Joint Staff crisis action team assembled. All of this was accomplished within the first two hours, while the situation was entirely uncertain, and the Pentagon was burning.

As part of my duties, I went onto the roof of the Pentagon three times Sept. 11 to assess the damage and evaluate the further threat posed to the building by the ongoing fire. The damage was, as we all now know, extensive and devastating. The fire caused by the explosion of the airplane’s fuel tanks was huge, and initially it seemed out of control. But, the fearless, dedicated and coordinated response of the emergency response crews exceeded all expectations.

I stood on the roof of the Pentagon, only 150-feet from the burning section, and watched the Arlington and Fairfax County firefighters attack and counter-attack the fire. To watch them cut and smash away the Pentagon roof with their fire axes was, to say the least,

unusual. Their bravery was incredible, and heroism seemed second nature to them.

Within 12 hours they brought the terrible fire under control, and it was completely put out in less than 36 hours, so the re-building could begin. We cannot overstate the role the firefighters and emergency responders played on that traumatic day, nor can we adequately express our thanks for what they did. I remain inspired by their conduct and skill; they have earned my lifelong respect.

I would like to set the record straight as to the performance and behavior of our national command structure during the drastic events of Sept. 11, 2001. My report is first-hand, as I was in the NMCC with the DOD leadership at that time. Hear this folks! The National Command Authority remained rock solid, didn’t skip a beat, and retained constant and continual control of all U.S. military forces throughout the events of Sept. 11. I know, because I was there.

Both Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Gen. Richard Myers (then vice chairman, now chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) were energetically and completely in command of the developing situation. I spent about two hours around these gentlemen, and their leadership, demeanor, and focus on defending our nation and countering any emerging threats was remarkable. Their performance inspired confidence in the military staffs, and I quickly realized that the national response would be well coordinated, and that the “bad guys” would soon be in for unhappy days.

Both of these leaders have my complete respect and admiration for their energetic actions, calming influence, and coolness under pressure when faced with unexpected attack, uncertainties, and a dire situation.

For their part, the military staffs responded instantly with consummate professionalism to evaluate and respond to the attacks, establish control of the developing situation, and, very soon, to plan and execute our military response against enemy capabilities. Everyone available stepped up and met the demands of his or her assigned role; their expertise was impressive, the teamwork displayed was fantastic.

The best military the world has ever seen launched into action to defend our home and to send a message to our enemies, “Big mistake,

you’re in for a fight.” There was an immediate and intense sense that “something big” was going to happen. As we now know, it did. On that day our enemies unknowingly “opened a can of Uncle Sam,” so to speak.

I have a few thoughts to offer about the significance of the events of Sept. 11, 2001. In one brief, shining moment, I came to understand and value the meaning of serving our country, and more especially the decision to willingly serve in the defense of our nation. In one day, my 18-year Air Force career was validated and affirmed.

We are needed now more than ever. Service in defense of our values, our way of life, and the communities we love and cherish, has a meaning and reward that those who do not serve can’t know.

The strength of our country, our communities, and our military was tested. All have emerged with our colors proudly flying. The support, love, and encouragement that poured from our families, friends, and communities are awesome. It re-affirms all of the reasons we serve. We are honored, and our purpose has been given new clarity.

Because of my experience at the Pentagon Sept. 11, I take the “global war on terrorism” personally. I was about 1,500 feet from where the plane hit, and my wonderful wife, Noy, was also working at the Pentagon that day.

As far as I am concerned, my family and I were directly attacked by people we don’t know and have never seen, for reasons that are warped, misguided, and unjust.

Those fanatics miscalculated and misunderstood the repercussions of their cowardly and despicable actions.



Courtesy photo

This is just one of many images of the destruction heaped on the Pentagon as a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack.

Building awareness in Hispanic culture, shaping nation goals for Hispanic Heritage Month

By Tech. Sgt. Luis Brito
319th Air Refueling Wing
Military Equal Opportunity

Building awareness of Hispanic cultures' unique contributions to U.S. society and the partnership in shaping our nation is our educational goal of this year's National Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month started Monday and runs through Oct. 15.

According to this year's theme, "Hispanics: One Culture Many Roots," with growth comes a renewed responsibility for Hispanics to shape not only their culture's future but national policy as well. Challenges will likely include increased recruiting and retention of Hispanics into the armed forces, the prospect of NAFTA expansion, the evolu-

tion of Cuba as a non-Communist nation, the possible addition of Puerto Rico as the 51st state, language issues and comprehensive immigration policy revision.

Nation building is a dynamic process, and the United States is a blossoming nation. Building on the best of what each culture has to offer may be our county's finest attribute.

Mr. Federico Mayor Zaragoza, Director General of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, said, "America's main role in the New World order is not as a military superpower, but as a multicultural superpower."

"During the past 500 years, the histories of Hispanics and the United States have become so interwoven that Hispanic heritage is a vital, inseparable part of our

American history," said Mr. Gene Murray, Ph.D., assistant professor of mass communications, Grambling State University.

In recognition of these contributions in 1968, the United States government set aside a week each year to recognize Hispanic heritage. In 1989, the 100th Congress made this a month-long observance.

Hispanics make up about nine percent of the United States' population and six percent of the total armed forces. According to census figures, there are more than 22 million Americans with Hispanic backgrounds.

Mexican-Americans number more than 12 million, and there are almost 2.5 million Puerto Ricans on the U.S. mainland. The third largest group is Cuban-Americans with more than 1 million.

The Hispanic population is increasing faster than any other ethnic group in the United States. Demographers estimate there will be 88 million by 2050.

Our main event will be held Oct. 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Northern Lights Club. Treat yourself to an enjoyable and educational luncheon-theater featuring the Mixed Blood Theatre Company – Minnekanos joyfully embrace four generations and the entire 20th Century in its spirited illumination of contemporary Mexican-American history.

Put this on your calendar, and if you want to participate in ongoing events during this period, get out of the house or dorm for a while and experience some new culture.

For details, call the Military Equal Opportunity office at 747-3199.

Happy 56th birthday Air Force

By Dr. James G. Roche and Gen. John P. Jumper
Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force

In 56 years, the U.S. Air Force has earned its wings as the world's greatest air and space force. Our airmen and our technology are the best our nation have to offer, an achievement that flows from the contributions of every airman – whether active, guard, reserve, civilian or retired.

On Thursday, the anniversary of our creation, remember that through your integrity, selfless service and incomparable excellence, Americans find strength and confidence in the Air Force's ability to answer our nation's call, no matter when or where we're needed.

We celebrate the Air Force's birthday as we continue to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Your tireless commitment, agility and professionalism are the foundation

for integrating air and space power into a successful joint and coalition combat operation – one that has already crushed a tyrannical regime and is now helping to blaze the trail of freedom for millions in Iraq.

Yet, as we celebrate, we recognize that this success is not without costs. We appreciate you and your families' extraordinary sacrifices. Let's take this special occasion to remember the airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the security of America and the opportunity of freedom for those who have never before tasted liberty.

The Air Force's legacy has soared in its short history, and greater opportunities are on the horizon – opportunities you'll meet with the same courage, commitment and confidence that define our first 56 years.

America is proud of our Air Force, and Americans are proud of you. Happy Birthday!

Annual Air Force Ball

► Air Force Ball

Sept. 20 at the Alerus Center – cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m., dinner begins at 6 p.m.

► Tickets

Monday is the last day to purchase Air Force Ball tickets. E-1 through E-4 – \$18. E-5 through E-6 and up to GS-9 – \$20. E-7 through E-9, GS-10 and higher, O-1 and higher, and all civilians – \$25. Spouses – same price as sponsor.



Contact your unit First Sergeant for details.

Balancing two cultures

Naturalization process can be long, frustrating

By Airman Patrice Clarke
Public Affairs

Military families all around the world know what it feels like to be the new guys in town. They understand how it feels to not know some of the culture and what is acceptable and unacceptable gestures and behavior. They have to adapt to new climates and living conditions.

They know when permanent changes of station happen, they just have to pack up and relo-

cate, and start somewhere new. Those who go overseas understand the language barriers.

Then there are people from other countries who come to the United States for one reason or another who want to be permanent residents of the U.S.

Becoming a permanent resident of the U.S. is more than the naturalization process, it's adapting to the whole culture of the U.S. without giving up the culture that is ingrained inside.

Here are two different stories of the naturalization process and the culture adaptation.

Mrs. Maira Fry, an unpaid federal worker working at the Family Support Center, is currently going through the naturalization process.

Mrs. Fry first came to the U.S. as a foreign exchange student when she was in high school.

"When I was an exchange student, people looked at me differently. I was looked at with that awe that people look at exchange students with," she said. "After I had been an exchange

student for a year I went back to Brazil, but I wanted to come back to the U.S."

Due to the terrorist activities and the events of Sept 11, 2001, it was difficult for Mrs. Fry to come to the U.S.

"What really helped me in getting back to the U.S. was the fact that I was an exchange student before," she said. "The rotary club that sponsored me helped tremendously. I really want to become a permanent resident so I can do the things I want to do. There are so many things that I cannot do because I don't have a social security card.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm just a visitor because I cannot do everyday things."

Without a social security card, Mrs. Fry cannot do things like work, open a bank account or get credit cards.

"I got tired of not being able to do things, so I started the process (of naturalization)," she said.

Mrs. Fry actively started pursuing becoming a permanent resident of the U.S. in December, 2002. Due to the long process and many setbacks she encountered, Mrs. Fry didn't file the rest of her papers until June.

"The 1-800 number that the Immigration and Naturalization Service had did not help me," she said. "I would call the number, and they would tell me to get a certain number of forms. I would bring those forms to turn in, and the actual

INS office in Phoenix would tell me I was missing forms.

"I would then call the number, and they would tell me to get some different forms, I would get those forms and go back to INS and they would tell me that I was still missing forms."

"The internet helped me," Mrs. Fry said. "I would go download the forms I needed and fill them out. I am just at the beginning. I have so far to go."

Coming here, Mrs.

Fry did have a bit of a culture shock.

"I'm the only one in my family that is here in the United States, which makes it very hard for me," said Mrs. Fry.

Mrs. Fry stressed many things between the U.S. and Brazil are the same, but certain aspects about the two countries differ.

"There are still prejudices in Brazil, but they are mostly focused on class as opposed to race," she said. "Work is very important in the U.S., but in Brazil, it is not the focus of our lives. Family is an integral part of our culture. I would get together with my whole family at least once a week, if not more, for barbeques and such."

Tech Sgt. Luis Brito, 319th Air Refueling Wing, Military Equal Opportunity office, has already

been through the naturalization process and experienced the culture shock involved.

"I was in the Air Force when I went through the naturalization process. It didn't take as long as Mrs. Fry's process is taking," said Sgt. Brito.

"It came to a point where I needed to become a citizen to continue with my work in the Air Force. "People don't notice the little things that I still have trouble with. I have been in the U.S. for the

most part of my life, and little things like American colloquialisms such as 'have your cake and eat it too,' and, 'you can't see the forest for the trees,' just didn't make sense to me."

For Mrs. Fry, the naturalization process is not over yet.

"The one thing I would tell other people who are starting the naturalization process would be to be patient," she said. "Some of the forms say they will reply within a month, but they don't come back for three months. You just have to be patient and be busy. If you are busy, you don't notice how long the process is taking."



Photos by Airman Patrice Clarke

(Above) The Brazilian and American flags.

(Near right) Mrs. Maira Fry checks out a book on South America. Mrs. Fry is a native of Brazil who is currently attempting to gain her American citizenship.

(Middle right) Mrs. Fry is an unpaid federal worker at the Family Support Center. Here, she hands a customer a toaster from the Airmen's Attic.

(Far right) A petrified piranha provides Mrs. Fry a memory of home.



Community

Today

FRAMING WORKSHOP: Sign up for the workshop. The Skills Development Center will be giving a three day framing workshop Sept. 16 to 18.

The workshop entails cutting mats, glass, moldings, and assembling frames. After completing the class participants will become certified to use the SDC’s framing shop.

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club offers all you can eat crablegs for \$17 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The Frontier Menu is also offered.

Saturday

CLUB KARAOKE: The Northern Lights Club offers Karaoke from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

CLUB DANCING: The Northern Lights Club offers dancing rom 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. to ‘club mix’ music with “DJ ‘C.’”

YOUTH GALAXY BOWLING: Register at the youth center for galaxy bowling at Dakota Lanes for ages 9 to 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and ages 13 to 15 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Sunday

FOOTBALL FRENZY: The Northern Lights Club offers Football Frenzy Sundays and Monday.

Watch the games and enter to win prizes, including a trip for two to see the Houston Texans versus Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Super Bowl or the Pro Bowl.

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POOL TOURNAMENT: The Youth Center is sponsoring a singles pool tournament at 5 p.m. for ages 9 to 12 and 6:30 p.m. for ages 13 to 18.

Tuesday

PARENTS DAY OUT: The Child Development Center is offering hourly care the third Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The program follows the same guidelines as Give Parents A Break. Reservations must be made the Tuesday prior to the Saturday care. Care may not be confirmed if less than eight children are on the reservations roster.

An hourly fee will be charged to the Parents Day Out participants. The children need to be registered at the Child

Development Center with all the appropriate paperwork accomplished prior to entrance: immunizations, health record, USDA. There will be a late charge of \$1.00 per minute after 5 p.m.

MINI LOCK-IN: The Youth Center is holding an Air Force Ball “Mini Lock-In” Sept. 20 for ages 6 to 12, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

There will be games, arts and crafts projects, tournaments, contests, karaoke, video games and movies.

Participants sign up by Sept. 16 at the Youth Center.

There must be 25 to hold the lock-in. The cost is \$15 which includes dinner and snacks.

TORCH CLUB MEETING: Torch Club Meetings are from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. Torch Clubs are small group clubs offering service and leadership opportunities to young people ages 11 to 13.

KEYSTONE CLUB MEETING: Keystone Club meetings are Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Youth Center. Keystone Clubs are for Boys and Girls Club members ages 14 to 18.

Wednesday

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club is offering the Frontier Grill menu from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Participants get a

free desert with the purchase of an entree.

FINE ARTS PROGRAM: The Youth Center is offering a Fine Arts Program class.

The program is meant to provide club members with the opportunities to create works of art for display in a local exhibit.

The goal is to help youth to uncover their artistic talents and motivate them to develop their creative skills and possibly explore related career opportunities. The program is offered to youth ages 6 to 12 at 6:30 p.m. and ages 13 to 18 at 8 p.m. A qualified instructor will be present. This event is free.

Thursday

DOLLAR LUNCH: The Northern Lights Club is offering \$1 lunch for club members only. The menu of the day is the Mexican Buffet.

CLUB DINING: The Northern Lights Club is offering a half priced children’s menu from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

CONCERT: The Carl Ben Eielson School PTO is sponsoring a Base wide “Jim Valley” concert, at 6:30 p.m. at bldg. 523 on the corner of 4th and Eielson.

The concert will be picnic style.

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Community



Photos by Mrs. Christine Davis

Big ATWINDers

Airman 1st Class Dennis Williams, 319th Maintenance Squadron, won two U.S. Airways tickets, and Tech. Sgt. Rodney Coy, 912th Air Refueling Squadron, won \$5,000 as part of this summer's Around the World in Ninety Days promotion.

(Left) Airman Williams poses with Col. Mark Ramsay, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander, Maj. Dave Haar, 319th MXS commander, and Lt. Col. James Weber, 319th Maintenance Group deputy commander.

(Right) Sgt. Coy poses with Maj. Elizabeth Demmons, 319th Services Squadron commander, Capt. John Pantleo, 912th ARS, Col. Ramsay, Col. Cathy Clothier, 319th Operations Group commander, and his family.



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Blankets and picnic dinners are allowed.

Tye Dye is welcomed. For details call Mrs. Julie Martin at 594 - 9298.

Upcoming

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

“Travel the World On Us”- the Northern Lights Club is sponsoring a membership drive.

Join the club now through Oct. 31 and enter a chance to win travel related prizes from \$500 to \$5,000 in value.

Join before Sept. 27 and come to the free membership night, which will have free food and prizes.

For details contact the Northern Lights Club at 7-3392.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT: The Youth Center is sponsoring a “Girls Night Out” for females ages 13 to 18. The event will be held Sept. 26 at the Youth Center from 10:30 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The cost for the night is \$15, and there must be 16 participants to hold the event.

There will be facials by Mary Kay representatives, hair care and

styling, a volleyball game, movies, pizza, and an early breakfast.

Sign up by Sept. 19 at the Youth Center.

SEVEN CLANS WATER PARK:

Outdoor Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Seven Clans Water Park, the largest water at over 40,000 square feet facility.

The trip will be departing from Outdoor Recreation at 8 a.m. Sept. 20 and returning late that evening.

The cost is \$12.50 per person and \$5 for children 12 and younger accompanied by an adult. This price includes transportation. Admission to the water park is \$10 per person. Sign up by close of business Sept. 19 at Outdoor Recreation.

SAFETY POSTER CONTEST:

The Youth Center is sponsoring a poster contest for youth ages 9 to 18.

Come join the Youth Center's Fine Arts Programmer in creating safety posters to help remind everyone of outdoor safety hazards.

The posters will be put on display at the Youth Center. The public will vote on their favorite Oct. 9 during “Community Safety Night” held at the Youth Center. Voting for ages 6 to 12 is at 6 p.m. and ages 13 to 18 at 7 p.m. This is a free event.

TEACHING OPPORTUNITY:

The Skills Development Center is looking for contract instructors to help with fall programs.

For details, call Karen at 747-3481.

CATALOGS:

The Skills Development Center has catalogs available to order special order art prints. “Air Bridge I, II and III” mini prints for framing are available but supplies are limited.

GALLERY:

Stop by the consignment gallery at the Skills Development Center and view the handcrafted items made by local residents.

BIRD WATCHING:

Outdoor Recreation has binoculars and bird books that help participants get started watching birds.

Outdoor Recreation also offers advice on the best areas for viewing the different species.

Retractions

In last week's edition of *The Leader*, the Ticketmaster Booth was incorrectly identified as being located in the Family Support Center. It is located in the Community Activities Center.

Heir Force

► **Jordan Alyssa-Nicole Larson**, 7 lb., 13 oz. girl, was born July 16 to Senior Airman Shane and Ashley Larson, 319th Security Forces Squadron.

► **Jackson James Roper**, 6 lb., 5 oz. boy, was born Aug. 4 to Capt. Jeff and Jenna Roper, 911th Air Refueling Squadron.

► **Kaydan Hope Wyatt**, 4 lb. 13 oz. girl, was born Aug. 8 to Senior Airman Christopher and Amanda Wyatt, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

► **Meghan Alexandra Arthur**, 6 lb., 10 oz. girl, was born Aug. 9 to Tech. Sgt. George and Laura Arthur, 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 10.

► **Samuel Martin Reiff**, 7 lb., 2 oz. boy, was born Aug. 10 to Master Sgt. Martin and Jenny Reiff, 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

► **Alexis Johanna Eaton**, 7 lb., 7 oz. girl, was born Aug. 10 to Airman Howard and Angel Eaton, 319th Mission Support Squadron.

► **Lily Leanne Krause**, 8 lb., 4 oz. girl, was born Aug. 11 to Staff Sgt. Loula and Phillip Krause, 319th Aeromedical Dental Squadron.

► **Lacey Lorraine Marino**, 6 lb., 11 oz. girl, was born Aug. 16 to Senior Airman Daniel and Kristan Marino, 319th SFS.

LRS ‘B’ strangles CES ‘A’

Suffocating defense sets tone in 27-0 blowout

By Airman Patrice Clarke
Public Affairs

It’s always good to know that your defense is going to back you up no matter what. The Logistic Readiness Squadron B-team’s defense showed the

Civil Engineering Squadron’s A-team that they know how to back their offense.

Interceptions and sacks by the LRS defense set this victory in motion.

CES was forced to punt early in the game and that just opened the gate for

LRS. Ryan Meneely caught the punt and returned it 65 yards for a touchdown and the only score his team would need. After a failed extra point, LRS was up 6-0.

CES got the ball again in what led to a short-lived possession when LRS’ Derrick Jones intercepted the ball and got the blowout rolling. Jones’ interception led to a touchdown by Pete Wyman. Following the point after try, LRS held a 13-0 lead.

CES’ ensuing possession began with a quarterback sack by George Fowlkes. CES answered back with two great catches by Mike Devault and Marsh Marshawn, but they went for naught as time ran out on the first half.

The short break offered CES their only breath all day as the LRS offense and defense came out to start the second half with a vengeance.

Jones was influential in halting CES’ opening drive and bringing the LRS offense back on the field. Meneely and

Robert Harper were quite a pair when it came to throwing the ball, but they failed to get the ball into the end zone on LRS possession.

LRS got the ball back soon enough, however, and with a smooth throw from Meneely to Terrance Nash, LRS extended their lead to 20-0.

The LRS defense came back out and hit the ground running... right into the CES quarterback. CES tried to answer back with a catch from Josh Ross. LRS’ stifling defense would have none of it, though. Devault took a turn at quarterback, but was immediately sacked by Dave Arnett.

Then back came Jones, who must have had something sweet on his hands to attract all those passes from the other team as he snared another interception to end the threat.

Meneely turned that interception into the game’s final points and a convincing 27-0 victory.



Photo by Airman Patrice Clarke

LRS’ Ryan Meneely scores en route to his team’s 27-0 win over CES ‘A’.

Warrior of the North bike race results

The Warrior of the North Bike race was held Saturday with 16 participants in the competitive 32-mile race and one participant in the 16-mile course. Results included:

► **20- to 29-years-old**

Brian Abraham, first place, 1:20:20
Peter Gokstad, second place, 1:20:21
Jared Voorhees, third place, 1:20:21

► **30- to 39-years-old**

Darin Wheat, first place, 1:47:20.

► **40 and older**

Dr. Dave Yearwood, first place, 1:22:10
Bill Geary, second place, 1:30:34
Steven L. Olson, third place, 1:43:04

The 319th Services Squadron and Outdoor Recreation would like to thanks sponsor Steven Olson, GEICO, and volunteers Jake Schargus, Casto Charles, Paul McDaniel and Robert K Hadley.

WELLNESS TIP

Injuries are the number one threat to children's health

More children are seriously injured or die as a result of accidents than from cancer, infectious diseases and birth defects combined. Injuries account for about 40 to 50 percent of child deaths.

To help prevent most common injuries:



To avoid burns, set your hot water heater to a maximum of 120° F



Keep hazardous materials (i.e., poisons) locked up



Closely watch children near water deeper than 2 inches

SOURCE: AMC Command Surgeon Office

InfoGraphic by TSgt. Mark Diamond